

**PROCESS AND APPARATUS FOR ABSTRACTING
IC DESIGN FILES**

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

File paths for a plurality of IC design files in
5 a hardware description language are abstracted by
parsing description files, or a directory of
description file names, to identify file paths to
each of the plurality of design files in a first
environment. An index is generated correlating each
10 design file and its respective file path.

In use, a file path in a second environment of
an application is defined for each design file, and
the index is applied to the file paths in the second
environment to define full file paths for each design
15 file through the first and second environments. The
design files are then applied to the application
using the full file paths.